

August 2006 – WOODSWISE PROJECT APPLICATION PERIOD**Funding Allocations and Practice Priorities**

Maine Forest Service's WoodsWISE cost-share funds for Projects are allocated by MFS to individual MFS Districts for each Project Application Period, to reflect different sources and availability of funding, and practice priorities.

The August 2006 Allocation for WoodsWISE provides approximately \$100,000 for the 10 MFS District for projects, primarily through USDA Forest Service's Forest Land Enhancement funds.

Project Application Forms are available on the MFS website (www.maineforestservice.org). All Project Applications are due in the appropriate MFS District Forester office by August 31st, 2006.

Applicants must be working with an eligible Stewardship Forester. Landowners and/or foresters are strongly encouraged to talk with the District Forester regarding the projects/practices they are applying for.

At the close of the Application Period, the MFS District Forester will rank applications for projects in his/her district received, based on the following priority list. The order in which they are received will not influence application success. Projects may include multiple related practices needed to achieve the project's purpose. For such projects, priority will be based on the highest priority practice within the project.

Landowners may submit 1 project application per Application Period. Landowners with approved projects may not submit additional project applications until the initial project is complete. Landowners may be approved for up to 3 projects within a 5-year period.

Project applications from landowners who have not received cost-sharing for projects (excluding Forest Management Plans) in the past 5 years will be given priority.

Once applications have been prioritized, the MFS District Forester will conditionally approve projects based on available funding, and taking into account the requirements of different funding sources. The MFS District Forester may exercise discretion in reducing the extent and maximum payment approved for individual projects, or modifying the nature of projects approved as outlined in practice specifications.

The following two practices will not be counted toward establishing priority of an application.

PRJ-1 Project Plan

PRJ-2 Project Supervision, Layout and Monitoring

Project plans for some practices (esp. the Canada Lynx Area and the 8 Atlantic Salmon Watersheds) may be subject to further review by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service under the Endangered Species Act. USFWS review may delay or preclude cost-sharing of such projects.

Note: Complete information on WoodsWISE program requirements and specifications is available at the MFS website, www.maineforestservice.org. Click on "WoodsWISE Incentives".

August 2006 Application Period – Project Priorities

The following list outlines priority practices for the August 2006 Application Period. These priorities are unchanged from the May 2006 Application Period.

High priority practices:

1. FH-1d Field assessment of current forest health conditions (in designated FH area**)
2. FH-2d Marking for sanitation of infected/declining stands (in designated FH area)
3. FH-2d Sanitation cutting of infected/declining stands (in designated FH area)
4. INV-1 Removal of invasive woody plant species
5. FH-1 Field assessment of current forest health conditions
6. FH-2 Marking for sanitation of infected/declining stands
7. FH-2 Sanitation cutting of infected/declining stands

** designated forest health area: Washington, Hancock, Waldo and Knox counties

Medium priority practices

8. WTR-1d Forest land erosion control system design and layout (in designated watersheds***)
9. WTR-2d Mitigation of pre-existing erosion problems (in designated watersheds)
10. WTR-3d Stream crossing structure installation/stabilization (in designated watersheds)
11. WTR-4d Riparian forest buffer planting (in designated watersheds)
12. FSI-2 Marking for crop tree release
13. FSI-3 Crop tree release
14. FSI-4 Marking for pruning
15. FSI-5 Pruning
16. WLD-1 Pre-commercial thinning of sapling stands for wildlife cover
17. WLD-6 Field identification and designation of riparian forest habitat
18. FSI-1 Pre-commercial thinning of sapling stands
19. WLD-2 Identification and marking for retention of nest or den trees
20. WLD-3 Marking for release of hard and soft mast trees
21. WLD-4 Mast tree release
22. WLD-5 Interplanting/enrichment planting for wildlife
23. WTR-1 Forest land erosion control system design and layout
24. WTR-2 Mitigation of pre-existing erosion problems
25. WTR-3 Stream crossing structure installation/stabilization
26. WTR-4 Riparian forest buffer planting

Low priority practices

27. REF-1 Tree planting
28. REF-2 Interplanting/enrichment planting
29. REF-3 Site preparation/competition control for planting
30. WLD-7 Field identification and designation of upland forest habitat

***designated watersheds: Eastern Coastal Rivers, Central Coastal Rivers, and towns in Maine's Coastal Zone

WoodsWISE Incentives*

Summary Table of Eligible Project Practices

Technical Assistance for Project Planning/Monitoring

<i>Code</i>	<i>Component Description</i>	<i>Max %</i>	<i>Max. payment</i>
PRJ-1	Project Plan	50	\$120/plan
PRJ-2	Project Supervision, Layout, and Monitoring	50	\$20/hr (<15% of net project cost)

Afforestation and Reforestation

<i>Code</i>	<i>Component Description</i>	<i>Max %</i>	<i>Max. payment</i>
REF-1	Tree planting	50	\$175/ac
REF-2	Interplanting/Enrichment Planting	50	\$100/ac
REF-3	Site Preparation/competition control for planting	50	\$150/ac

Forest Stand Improvement

<i>Code</i>	<i>Component Description</i>	<i>Max %</i>	<i>Max. payment</i>
FSI-1	Precommercial thinning of sapling stands	50	\$150/ac
FSI-2	Marking for crop tree release	50	\$1/tree, \$30/ac
FSI-3	Crop tree release	50	\$2/tree, \$100/ac
FSI-4	Marking for pruning	50	\$1/tree, \$30/ac
FSI-5	Pruning		
FSI-5.1	Pruning 0' - 9'	50	\$0.50/tree
FSI-5.2	Pruning 0' - 13'	50	\$1.00/tree
FSI-5.3	Pruning 0' - 17'	50	\$1.75/tree
FSI-5.4	Pruning 9' - 13'	50	\$0.50/tree
FSI-5.5	Pruning 13' - 17'	50	\$0.75/tree
FSI-5.6	Pruning 9' - 17'	50	\$1.25/tree
FSI-5.7	Pruning 0 - 24' (if approved)	50	\$2.50/tree
FSI-5.8	Pruning 17' - 24' (if approved)	50	\$1.25/tree

Water Quality Improvement & Watershed Protection

<i>Code</i>	<i>Component Description</i>	<i>Max %</i>	<i>Max. payment</i>
WTR-1	Forest land erosion control system design and layout	50	\$400/project
WTR-1d	... in designated watersheds**	75	\$600/project
WTR-2	Mitigation of pre-existing erosion problems	50	\$1000/project
WTR-2d	... in designated watersheds	75	\$1500/project
WTR-3	Stream crossing structure installation/stabilization	50	\$500/project
WTR-3d	... in designated watersheds	75	\$1500/project
WTR-4	Riparian forest buffer planting	50	\$200/acre
WTR-4d	... in designated watersheds	75	\$300/acre

Fish and Wildlife Habitat Improvement			
<i>Code</i>	<i>Component Description</i>	<i>Max %</i>	<i>Max. payment</i>
WLD-1	Pre-commercial thinning of sapling stands for wildlife cover	50	\$150/ac
WLD-2	Identification and marking for retention of nest or den trees	50	\$1/tree or \$20/ac
WLD-3	Marking for release of hard and soft mast trees	50	\$1.50/tree, \$45/ac
WLD-4	Mast tree release	50	\$2/tree or \$100/ac
WLD-5	Interplanting/enrichment planting for wildlife	50	\$100/ac
WLD-6	Field identification and designation of riparian forest habitat	50	\$100/ac
WLD-7	Field identification and designation of upland forest habitat	50	\$40/ac
Forest Health Practices			
<i>Code</i>	<i>Component Description</i>	<i>Max %</i>	<i>Max. payment</i>
FH-1	Field assessment of current forest health conditions	50	\$1.00/ac
FH-1d	Field assessment of current forest health conditions ...in designated forest health areas***	75	\$1.50/ac
FH-2	Marking for sanitation of infected/declining stands		
FH-2L	... light sanitation (0-20 sq ft BA)	50	\$10/ac
-2Ld	...in designated forest health areas	75	\$15/ac
FH-2M	... medium sanitation (21-40 sq ft BA)	50	\$20/ac
-2Md	...in designated forest health areas	75	\$30/ac
FH-2H	... heavy sanitation (41+ sq ft BA)	50	\$30/ac
-2Hd	...in designated forest health areas	75	\$45/ac
FH-3	Sanitation cutting of infected and declining stands		
FH-3L	... light sanitation (0-20 sq ft BA)	50	\$50/ac
-3Ld	...in designated forest health areas	75	\$75/ac
FH-3M	... medium sanitation (21-40 sq ft BA)	50	\$60/ac
-3Md	...in designated forest health areas	75	\$90/ac
FH-3H	... heavy sanitation (41+ sq ft BA)	50	\$70/ac
-3Hd	...in designated forest health areas	75	\$105/ac
Invasive Species Control			
<i>Code</i>	<i>Component Description</i>	<i>Max %</i>	<i>Max. payment</i>
INV-1	Removal of invasive woody plant species	50	\$100/ac

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